

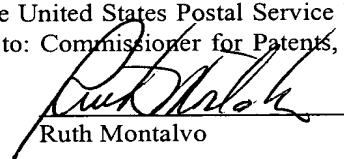
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph at page 1, after the title "DNA CHIP AND ITS PREPARATION" on line 2 and before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" on line 4: